

Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect in any manner the status, rank, precedence, pay, allowances, or eligibility for promotion or retirement, or otherwise to operate in any case or on any account to the prejudice, of any of the professors at the United States Military Academy.

Approved, December 14, 1942.

[CHAPTER 730]

AN ACT

December 14, 1942
[S. 2619]
[Public Law 800]

To amend Article of War 114 so as to broaden the power to administer oaths and take acknowledgments.

Army of the U. S.
Officers authorized
to administer oaths.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Article of War 114 (Act of June 4, 1920, 41 Stat. 810; 10 U. S. C. 1586) be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"ART. 114. AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER OATHS.—Any officer of any component of the Army of the United States on active duty in Federal service commissioned in or assigned or detailed to duty with the Judge Advocate General's Department, any staff judge advocate or acting staff judge advocate, the President of a general or special court-martial, any summary court-martial, the trial judge advocate or any assistant trial judge advocate of a general or special court-martial, the president or the recorder of a court of inquiry or of a military board, any officer designated to take a deposition, any officer detailed to conduct an investigation, and the adjutant, assistant adjutant or personnel adjutant of any command shall have power to administer oaths for the purposes of the administration of military justice and for other purposes of military administration; and shall also have the general powers of a notary public in the administration of oaths, the execution and acknowledgment of legal instruments, the attestation of documents and all other forms of notarial acts to be executed by persons subject to military law: *Provided*, That no fee of any character shall be paid to any officer mentioned in this Act for the performance of any notarial act herein authorized."

Approved, December 14, 1942.

Powers of notary
public.

Proviso.
Fees prohibited.

[CHAPTER 731]

AN ACT

December 14, 1942
[S. 2867]
[Public Law 801]

To provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge for the fifth circuit.

United States
courts.
Appointment of ad-
ditional circuit judge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one additional circuit judge for the fifth circuit.

Approved, December 14, 1942.

[CHAPTER 732]

AN ACT

December 14, 1942
[S. 2891]
[Public Law 802]

To amend paragraph 8, section 127a, of the National Defense Act so as to authorize certain service to be counted in determining precedence among officers when dates of rank are the same.

Army of the U. S.
Determination of
precedence among
officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the eighth paragraph of section 127a of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916, as amended by section 5 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1078; 10 U. S. C. 511), is hereby amended by changing the

second sentence thereof to read as follows: "When dates of rank are the same, precedence shall be determined by length of active commissioned service in the Army, which shall include all time served on active duty as a commissioned officer in the Federal service, and commissioned service under the provisions of sections 94, 97, and 99 of this Act."

Approved, December 14, 1942.

39 Stat. 206, 207.
32 U. S. C. §§ 63-65,
144-146.

[CHAPTER 734]

AN ACT

To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide that all cabs for hire in the District of Columbia be compelled to carry insurance for the protection of passengers, and for other purposes", approved June 29, 1938.

December 15, 1942
[S. 1008]
[Public Law 803]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled "An Act to provide that all cabs for hire in the District of Columbia be compelled to carry insurance for the protection of passengers, and for other purposes", approved June 29, 1938, is hereby amended by striking out the sentence reading as follows: "The Superintendent of Insurance of the District of Columbia shall be empowered to make all reasonable rules and regulations relating to the writing of taxicab insurance and shall be empowered to govern the maximum rates to be charged on such insurance", and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "No such insurance company or corporate surety shall engage in or conduct the business of insuring or bonding any risk arising out of the operation of any passenger motor vehicle for hire required to be insured or bonded under this Act unless the Superintendent of Insurance shall find that the management of such company is capable, by experience or otherwise, of conducting such business in the public interest and unless such insurance company or corporate surety shall possess a certificate of approval issued by said Superintendent for such business. Every such insurance company or corporate surety, whether or not it shall be a mutual company, shall have and shall at all times maintain reserves for losses, unearned premiums, and all other liabilities as will meet the requirements of any regulation issued by the Superintendent of Insurance and applicable to such company or such classifications of companies. The Superintendent of Insurance shall be empowered to make reasonable rules and regulations governing the writing of such insurance and the making of such bonds and the business of insuring or bonding such risks, including the expenses of management, administration, and acquisition of business and the rates to be charged. The Superintendent of Insurance is authorized and empowered, after hearing, to withdraw his certificate of approval of the business of insuring or bonding taxicab risks of any insurance company or corporate surety violating any provision of this Act or of the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder."

District of Columbia.
Insurance requirements of cabs for hire.

52 Stat. 1233.
D. C. Code § 44-301.

Insurance companies and corporate sureties.

Certificate of approval.

Maintenance of reserves.

Rules and regulations.

Withdrawal of certificate of approval.

Approved, December 15, 1942.

[CHAPTER 735]

AN ACT

Amending the first sentence of Article of War 52, relative to execution of court-martial sentences.

December 15, 1942
[S. 2798]
[Public Law 804]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of Article of War 52 (41 Stat. 799) is amended to read as follows:

"The authority competent to order the execution of the sentence of a court martial may, at the time of the approval of such sentence, suspend the execution, in whole or in part, of any such sentence as

10 U. S. C. § 1524.

Army.
Suspension of court-martial sentences.